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VIENNA FOR IAEA

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SUBJ: HEAVY WATER DEAL WITH SOVIETS REPORTED IN
DIFFICULTIES

REF: A. IAEA VIENNA 1558, B. NEW DELHI 2027 (NOTAL)

1. THE NEW DELHI ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY INDIAN EXPRESS
FOR MARCH 18 CARRIES A FRONT PAGE STORY BY SENIOR
CORRESPONDENT AND BUREAU CHIEF KULDIP NAYAR REPORTING
THAT INDIA'S BID TO BUY HEAVY WATER FROM THE SOVIET
UNION HAS RUN INTO DIFFICULTIES. THE NAYAR STORY SAYS
THE DEAL INVOLVING 200 TONS OF HEAVY WATER FOR THE
SECOND 200 MW REACTOR IN RAJASTHAN WAS REPORTEDLY
CLEARED BY SOVIET LEADERS, BUT AT THE TAGE OF DETAILED
NEGOTIATIONS, "THE DEAL HAS GOT BOGGED DOWN". OTHER
POINTS OF NAYAR'S STORY:

A. MOSCOW IS SAID TO HAVE DEMANDED ALL NUCLEAR
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INSTALLATIONS, NOT RAJASTHAN ALONE, BE OPENED TO
INSPECTION TO ENSURE THAT HEAVY WATER FOR ONE REACTOR
NOT BE USED AT ANY OTHER.

B. THE SOVIET UNION'S ARGUMENT--STILL AT THE
OFFICIAL LEVEL--IS THAT IT HAS A COMMITMENT TO THE
IAEA NOT TO SUPPLY CERTAN MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT

TO NON-NPT SIGNATORIES UNLESS THE PLANTS ARE SUBJECTED
TO THE AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS.

C. NEW DELHI BELIEVES THAT MOSCOW IS STRETCHING
ITS OBLIGATIONS TO THE IAEA UNNECESSARILY.

2. COMMENT: WHATEVER THE SOURCE OF NAYAR'S STORY,
WE WOULD THINK MRS GANDHI NOT AT ALL PLEASED TO HAVE
THIS ISSUE AIRED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL
OPPOSITION NEWSPAPER WHERE IT MAY FURTHER REINFORCE
JANATA PARTY MISGIVINGS ON THE LINK WITH THE SOVIET
UNION. NAYAR MAY HAVE THE ISSUES OF "PURSUIT" AND
"FULL FUEL CYCLE SAFEGUARDS" CONFUSED. IT HAD BEEN
OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM REF A THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE
DEMANDED THE FORMER, NOT THE LATTER.
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